GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF JOINT INDO-SWISS COMMISSION
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have propose to enhance export of agricultural and marine products to Swiss markets;

(b) if so, the details of the Governments stand at the Joint Indo-Swiss Commission meeting held in Berne on November 7, 2000;

(c) whether Switzerland is not allowing marine products from India;

(d) if so, whether the joint meeting has arrived at a decision in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) It is the endeavour of the Government to enhance exports of potential items like agriculture and marine products to all its trading partners including Switzerland;

(b) Market access issues to Indian products in the agricultural and marine products sector including tariff related quotas and sanitary/phyto-sanitary standards were considered in the meeting of the Indo-Swiss Joint Commission;

(c) to(e) There is no ban by Switzerland on imports of marine products from India.